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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A composition for promoting bacterial proliferation for selectively proliferating *Lactobacillus casei* subsp. *casei*, comprising a dextran.
2. (Original) The composition for promoting bacterial proliferation according to claim 1, further comprising *Lactobacillus casei* subsp. *casei*.
3. (Original) The composition for promoting bacterial proliferation according to claim 1, wherein the dextran has a molecular weight of 2,000 to 40,000,000.
4. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the composition for promoting bacterial proliferation according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 2.
5. (Currently amended) A health food comprising the composition for promoting bacterial proliferation according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 2.
6. (Currently amended) A feed comprising the composition for promoting bacterial proliferation according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 2.